

PLAYING THE POLITICAL
GAME WITH INVECTIVEMcKinley, Dixon and Brown Pay
Their Respects to Their
Opponents.

DARE ROOSEVELT TO BOLT

Taft Manager Says the Colonel
Needs a Crowd to Rouse
His Courage.

CHICAGO, June 8.—Director McKinley of the Taft bureau issued a long statement tonight, going at the Roosevelt people and at Col. Roosevelt hammer and tongs. He says he believes in fighting fire with fire and that he does not propose to mince words in a situation like this. Here is Mr. McKinley's bombardment.

The invective, if not actual dishonesty and fraudulence of Theodore Roosevelt before the Republican national committee has been shown by the almost unanimous vote with which Roosevelt and Taft members of that body have voted to seat the Taft delegates.

After another national committee has seated Taft delegates from Alabama, Arkansas and Florida, and nine-tenths of the decisions to date have been rendered by a unanimous vote. So much for Senator Brown's charge that the Taft rollers are operating a governing body of the Republican party.

The fact that all the Roosevelt delegates, however, is simply reflected by Theodore Roosevelt himself, when after having been elected to the committee he said he never expected more than two votes in Alabama anyway. This statement alone upbraids on its face the absolute dishonesty of all the Roosevelt contests and amply justifies the charge that the Roosevelt managers are engaged in a deliberate deception.

His bolting convention. Nevertheless when Mr. Roosevelt holds his bolting convention in Chicago he will demand that every one of these fraudulent delegates be elected in his behalf and threaten to bolt the convention if he is not elected. In the unanimous vote of the Republican national committee, including all the Roosevelt members thereof, shall be seated in a convention, and he will proclaim himself the only true Republican candidate from the States from whence they come. Of all the large comedies ever presented on a trusting public, Theodore Roosevelt in this campaign has gone further than any other.

His own statement of yesterday Mr. Roosevelt has convinced himself and his political managers of a deliberate deception. Although he is claiming only two delegates from Alabama, they have for him claimed all of the Taft delegates from Alabama. This illustrates the campaign of bluff, bulldoze and bluster which they have waged and stamps the whole effort to renounce Mr. Roosevelt as a third time a deliberate fraud. As a sample of the lack of sincerity and of the disregard for truth and of the deliberate deception which they have perpetrated upon the Republican party, its principles, its traditions and its leaders in this campaign, a Roosevelt member of the Republican national committee made a motion in one of the Arkansas cases to refuse the brief submitted by Mr. Roosevelt's counsel on the ground that it was obscene and offensive and should not be made a part of the record of the Republican party.

DECISIONS ON MERITS. The Republican national committee, acting solely on the merits of each case before it, has thus far failed to seat a single Roosevelt contestant delegate. The decisions rendered have been in full accord with the merits of each case, and no one believes otherwise, including Mr. Roosevelt's place in Chicago, where he has got first-hand information that will surely go beyond all doubt of the truth of this statement.

Comments of President Taft's resignation on the first ballot is made more when by the information that Theodore Roosevelt, candidate for a third term, is expected to arrive in Chicago on Wednesday morning, having been elected to the committee. It is against the Republican party, it is against the Republican party, it is against the Republican party. He has now moved up his plans another step. McKinley has indicated a growing weakness on the part of his candidacy, until as a last resort he has concluded to get on the ground early and make a last stand for his cause. His coming will only make his defeat more certain.

CONCEALED SIGNIFICANCE. The fact that the four unseated delegates in the case of the Roosevelt delegates, believing that he will be nominated and elected, is significant. It means that the truth and bluff of the Roosevelt movement is subsiding and that the delegates are beginning to realize that the Roosevelt movement is a fraud. The delegates who command the support of the Republican party, the sentiment indicated by their action will continue to increase after President Taft has been nominated and it will insure his re-nomination by a tremendous majority next November.

While the Republican national committee yesterday was deciding against the Roosevelt delegates in Alabama by a unanimous vote, a story was told by a Senator from Ohio who managed the Roosevelt contest, that he had no hesitation in saying to his friends after the meeting had adjourned that the Roosevelt lawyers had no chance to bring such flimsy and unsupported charges before the Republican national committee.

McKinley's Oyster Bay interview. McKinley is in line with the conduct expected of him if he persisted in staying at home and commenting at long distance on what was actually occurring before the Republican national committee at Chicago.

SENDERING THE PARTY. Mr. Roosevelt is saying one thing at Oyster Bay, his own committee are saying another at Chicago. What Mr. Roosevelt is saying at Oyster Bay is not what he is saying at Chicago. The Republican national committee, the recognized agent of the Republican party, and against his own members of the Republican national committee, whose self-respect would not permit them to utter themselves by voting for delegates that had no legal or moral basis. Mr. Roosevelt's place, as pointed out before in Chicago now, is not after the Republican national committee has acted. Mr. Roosevelt fails to come to Chicago before the committee and to let the voters and further comments adversely of the Roosevelt movement against his conduct before that body he will again go on record as an opponent, not of President Taft's delegates, but of the Republican party which elected him President of the United States.

Mr. Roosevelt himself was the man who



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LEFT TO RIGHT—MRS. WILLIAM HAYWARD, WILLIAM HAYWARD, MRS. RALPH E. WILLIAMS AND RALPH E. WILLIAMS OF OREGON.

was most consulted about the Republican platform in 1908, when President Taft was carried out more completely than Theodore Roosevelt or any other President carried out a promise of the Republican party. By attacking the party he will repudiate that. He has already repudiated a goodly portion of the principles of the party and has supplied a socialist aim therein in his proposal to institute the recall of judges and of judicial decisions.

ROOSEVELT'S PLATFORM. Rumor has it that Mr. Roosevelt in his new platform, which he will submit to the coming convention, has abandoned this proposal, evidently forgetting the wisdom of Lincoln when he said: "You can fool all of the people some of the time; you can fool some of the people all of the time; but you cannot fool all of the people all of the time." An abandonment by Mr. Roosevelt of his pet doctrine of this campaign, of which he said in New Jersey: "I am so sure I am right that I would not change my mind if all the other associations in the country hampered me for twenty years," would be a direct betrayal of the people whom Mr. Roosevelt has used in this campaign as a cloak for his own personal ambition to be President for a third term.

Theodore Roosevelt, if he performs in his customary way at this juncture, would like to make a dramatic entrance into Chicago. He would like to enter the doors of the convention hall and the acclaim of his followers, which would be music to his egoistic ears.

Alone at Oyster Bay he is a brave man, an Ajax defying lightning. He defies even the unanimous verdicts of the Republican national committee, including the vote of the delegates from the States from whence they come. He is at his lowest ebb when alone. Mr. Roosevelt would invade the Republican convention hall at a psychological moment, demand the floor, and in the absence of his fellow candidates and in defiance of his host's sincere desire to attempt to sweep the Republican national convention off its feet.

The difference between the situation confronting Mr. Roosevelt today and the situation which confronted William B. Bryan in 1908 is the difference which confronted William B. Bryan in 1908. Mr. Bryan was a delegate to the Democratic convention in 1908, and he was elected to the position of the Democratic candidate for President. He was elected to the position of the Democratic candidate for President.

Mr. Roosevelt has been invited to hear all the evidence and arguments before the Republican national committee and he has refused to accept the opportunity. He has been invited to be a part of the convention and he has refused to be a part of the convention. He has been invited to be a part of the convention and he has refused to be a part of the convention.

The logic of the situation points continually at Mr. Roosevelt's bid of the Republican party and he will be surprised to find how long he will be when he gives the order to his delegates in the Chicago convention to turn their backs on the Republican party forever.

A statement was issued tonight by Senator Dixon regarding the Georgia contest. The Taft delegates are attacked as fraudulent and the Roosevelt delegates upheld as the legal claimants.

Senator Dixon said that while the national committee had been flagrantly unfair, the Roosevelt men would have two delegates from Alabama by the time they collected from Taft instructions. The Senator declared that his faith in the fairness of the national committee had been sadly shattered.

These men are trying to murder the Republican party and elect a Democratic President, he said. "They make no concealment of it. They know Taft cannot be elected, that he could not carry half a dozen States, but they don't care. They want to kill the party, but they won't succeed."

Senator Dixon insisted that the big news of the day was a statement of Lafayette Young, Taft supporter in Iowa, calling on the Iowa Taft delegates to desert Taft for Cummins.

Does Mr. Young's statement help Roosevelt? he was asked. "Well, it hurts Taft," he answered. "It is the beginning of a stampede away from a man whom every one knows it is hopeless to try to elect."

Mr. Dixon was asked, since Mr. Roosevelt had said in New York that they expected to win only one Alabama vote, why so many futile contests had been brought. The Senator flushed. "I am not responsible for Mr. Roosevelt's purported interviews," he said. "You are responsible for the Alabama contests?" he was asked. "Yes, I was," said he, "and there was good ground for every case."

Then why did the Roosevelt committee vote against all your contestants?

"Because they wanted to show absolute fairness and that they would not vote to seat delegates where there was a shadow of a doubt."

Walter F. Brown, chairman of the Republican State central committee of Ohio, who managed the Roosevelt campaign in that State and who is in conference to-day with Senator Dixon, made the following statement relative to the Republican primary contest and the Republican State convention in Ohio:

The total vote cast in the Ohio Presi-

dential primary was 290,701, equivalent to 70 per cent of the vote cast for the Republican candidate for Governor in 1908. Of that number Roosevelt candidates for national delegates received 165,830 Taft candidates for delegates, 118,862, and La Follette candidates for delegates, 15,227. Roosevelt's plurality over Taft was 47,027. Roosevelt's majority over Taft and La Follette combined is 31,977. Roosevelt carried 30 counties and Taft 19. Of the counties carried by Taft 9 are reliably Democratic. In 5 counties normally Republican strongholds of which Cleveland is one, La Follette had more votes than Taft.

The Roosevelt organization made no contest at the primaries for the control of the State convention. Not to exceed one out of 24 delegates in the convention were elected on the Presidential issue. In the State convention fifteen counties which gave pluralities in the primaries to Roosevelt voted solidly for the Taft slate of delegates at large. The vote of Cuyahoga county, which gave Roosevelt 5,823 over Taft and La Follette over Taft, was cast by Senator Burton for Roosevelt, 48 for Taft. The total vote in the convention was 209,743 for Taft, 162,743 for Roosevelt.

James A. Fowler to Assist Gen. Dick. WASHINGTON, June 8.—James A. Fowler of Tennessee, Assistant Attorney-General, left Washington tonight to assist former Senator Charles Dick in the presentation of the Tennessee contest before the Republican national committee. The Tennessee contest will be reached about the middle of next week. Messrs. Dick and Fowler will appear in behalf of the Taft delegates.

Curb Brokers Warned Not to Bet. Members of the Curb will have to be circumspect and not bet on convention results. The Curb Association has warned the members that placing bets on the election is against the law. For violation this person may be fined.

MEAT BOYCOTT REACHES HERE. Meeting on East Side Seeks to Enlist Harlem and The Bronx.

The leaders of the meat boycott in Williamsburg came over to Manhattan last night to enlist the residents of the lower East Side in their war against the butchers and at a meeting in Clinton Hall the Anti-High Price Meat Association was organized and a general boycott declared. About 1,500 men, women and children attended, and after a lively session the boycotters decided to have a mass meeting in a large hall on Tuesday night with the idea of enlisting the support of the Jewish residents of Harlem and The Bronx. An effort is also to be made to arrange for a parade Tuesday.

Many of the shopkeepers on Pitt, Willett, Madison and other East Side streets closed up early in the fear that there might be trouble after the meeting, and some of the meat dealers attended the meeting to get in a few words in their defense. Several of them were permitted to talk briefly, and they said they would be willing to shut up their shops if they thought they could compel the wholesale dealers to sell meat cheaper. They insisted that they are not making any profit now.

Many of the speakers urged these at the meeting not to resort to violence, but to simply quit buying meat and see if that would have any effect on the shopkeepers. One of the East Side dealers said the persons in charge of the meeting not to declare a general boycott until after the movement had been extended to Harlem and The Bronx, in order that the untown dealers might fare the same as themselves, but the meeting decided to act at once.

MOTOR BOAT UPSET. Sinking in Niagara River at 40 Miles an Hour—One Man Killed.

REBUFFALO, June 8.—Speeding in Niagara River at forty miles an hour this evening the motorboat Reliance V. was upset. William See Wright, a steel man of New Castle, Pa. was drowned. The Reliance was formerly owned by John J. Ryan of Cincinnati.

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members were favorable to my candidacy twelve to Mr. Taft's. The Taft men conceded that this was the regular district committee and began by participating in the meeting, but as soon as it developed that the Roosevelt men were in the majority the twelve Taft men left the meeting and called a convention of their own, leaving eighteen members, a clear majority of the regular committee, to call the regular convention in which the Roosevelt delegates were named.

"No serious evidence was presented before the national committee to contravene these facts. The contest against these two regularly elected Roosevelt delegates had literally no foundation whatever even of the most flimsy description. There was no more ground for unseating these delegates than there would be for the unseating of the Taft delegates from Rhode Island or in any district in any State where there is no contest whatever. Yet the national committee men who are supporting Mr. Taft voted to unseat the two men properly elected and to seat in the national convention two men who, as I have said, literally have no more right to appear as delegates in that convention than they have to appear in the Democratic national convention. They represent nothing whatever in the Republican party except the determination of a few members of the national committee, who have themselves been repudiated by the Republican party that the majority of the party shall not be permitted to decide whom they wish to be the nominees for President."

"Now I wish to call the attention not only of all Republicans, but of all good citizens to just what this type of action means. As yet there is no law to govern national nominating conventions as there is no law to govern national elections. Although in certain States the nomination of candidates is carried on under the law of those States as precisely as are the elections. Because of this lack of Federal

law acts which if done to influence elections would be criminal can be perpetrated with impunity so far as national nominations are concerned. But this is a difference in legality and not in morality. Again and again we have seen to the detriment of the party that the majority of the committee men thus voted to seat the men who have no more right to vote in the national convention than a repeater has to vote at an election. The majority of the committee men thus voted to seat the men who have no more right to sit in that convention than any other two outsiders.

"Nine of these committee men came from the Republican States of Illinois, Kansas, Missouri, New Jersey, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. Every one of these nine national committee men has been repudiated by his home voters. Not one of them succeeded himself on the national committee. Each of them represents a State which at the recent primaries declared overwhelmingly against Mr. Taft. The nine States in the aggregate have 302 delegates in the convention, of whom 258 are for Roosevelt and only thirty-four for Taft. The nine committee men are for Mr. Taft, the delegates from their States are eight to one against him."

"It is in view of these facts and what these facts foreshadow that I wish to make an appeal to the sober judgment of all men who believe that the usefulness of the Republican party has not ended. Every man who wishes to see the Republican party exist should stand at once protesting against those who are deliberately proceeding to wreck it. The Taft leaders speak as if they were the regular Republicans. I do not concede that the Taft men are the regular Republicans. The Republican party has not commissioned nor has it appointed as its receivers the men repudiated committee men have repudiated the party. The Republican party has in similar fashion been repudiated by the popular vote of the Republicans of their States. Nor is the question now at issue one as to the personal preference of any Republican for any particular man for President or for the doctrine which that man embodies."

"The question is now merely whether the deliberately expressed judgment of the rank and file of the Republican party is to be no less deliberately nullified by the very men whose leadership has just been repudiated by this same majority. A nomination obtained by the votes of delegates seated in utter defiance of justice, as these two Alabama delegates have just been seated, would be worthless to the man obtaining it and would be indignantly repudiated by the party as a whole. Apparently certain national committee men and certain of the bosses who from outside influence the national committee have set to learn the rank and file of the Republican party must be treated as the masters and not the servants of their representatives. The Republican party cannot continue to exist unless its official action is determined by the expression of the sober and deliberate judgment of the majority of the party."

THEODORE ROOSEVELT.

DELAWARE STILL FOR TAFT.
State's Six Delegates Won't Follow
du Pont Over to Roosevelt.

WILMINGTON, Del., June 8.—The action of J. Coleman du Pont, Republican national committee man from Delaware, in going over to the Roosevelt forces at Chicago will have no bearing on the attitude of the six delegates from this State to the convention.

They will support Taft. The common man who is not a delegate is a cousin of Senator du Pont. It is authoritatively announced that both Senators du Pont and Richardson, who are delegates and leaders of the party in Delaware, will vote for the President's renomination to the last. They will be followed by the other delegates, one of whom is Gov. Pennell.

J. Coleman du Pont is president of the du Pont Powder Company. As the Government's suit for the dissolution of the powder trust was begun during the Roosevelt administration the action of du Pont is all the more surprising. Roosevelt not only supported the dissolution of the trust but when the initial steps were taken by the then Senator Allee of Delaware, Allee has been fighting the du Ponts politically for years and wanted revenge. Gov. Pennell is a close friend of J. Coleman du Pont, but it is declared he will stand by Taft. When the six delegates were named before the State convention on April 10 it was with the tacit understanding that they would support the President, although no formal instructions were adopted.

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